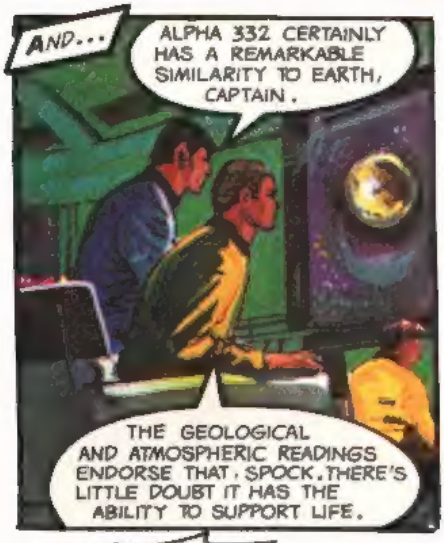
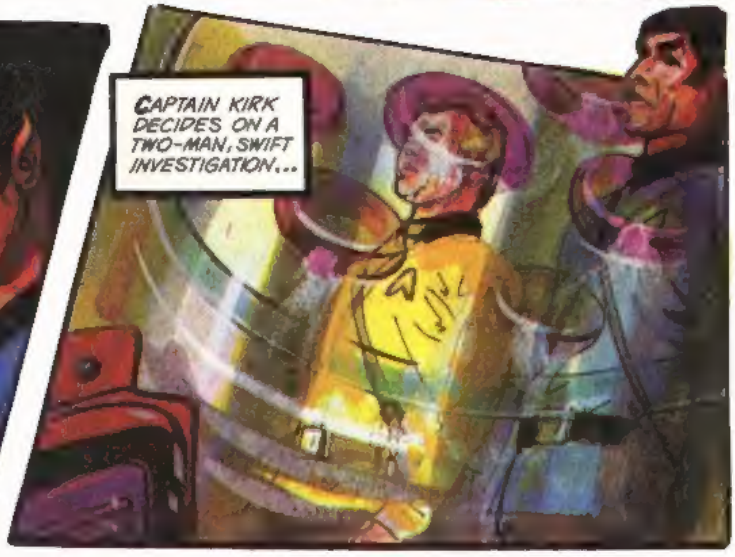
NEW MIGHTY TV COMIC

STAR TREK
'THE GODS HAVE COME!'





COUGH...COUGH... NOT EXACTLY A HEALTHY SPOT, SPOCK!
AS A VULCAN, THE SULPHUR DOESN'T BOTHER ME QUITE SO MUCH. SHALL WE CHECK THE CRATER?

LATER...
ANY...COUGH... RADIATION?
NOTHING, CAPTAIN!

SUDDENLY...
AAAAAHHH...
WHAT THE...

AAAAAAAHHHH...
IT'S COMING FROM LOWER DOWN, SPOCK!
I WOULD FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE IF WE COULD SEE CLEARLY. I DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF STUMBLING INTO THE UNKNOWN...

IN THE NEXT SECOND, SPOCK'S WISH COMES TRUE...
I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE IT!
ONE'S LOGIC IS TESTED, I AGREE, CAPTAIN!
AAAAAHH...

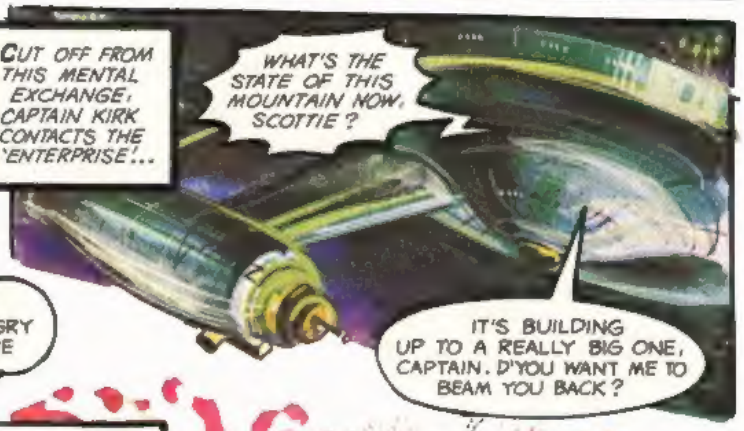
AAAAAAAHHH...
CAN THAT REALLY BE THE SAME NOISE PICKED UP MILLIONS OF KILOMETRES OUT IN SPACE?
WE WILL ONLY DISCOVER THAT AFTER A MORE DETAILED EXAMINATION, CAPTAIN.

FOLLOWERS OF THE FIERY ONE! HIS MESSENGERS HAVE COME!
AIEE!
I WONDER WHAT SHE IS CONVETING TO THEM?

THAT'S ODD, CAPTAIN. I RECEIVED THE INFORMATION QUITE CLEARLY, YET SHE NEVER OPENED HER MOUTH.
TELEPATHY. I WONDER WHY I CAN'T PICK IT UP?

MARACU TELLS SPOCK OF THE CENTURIES LONG CONFLICT BETWEEN HER PEOPLE, THE PARRACAS AND THOSE THAT DWELL ON THE OTHER SIDE OF BILUDDIN, THE SACRED MOUNTAIN. THAT THE TURRACAS HAVE THREATENED TO WIPE THEM OUT IN AN ALL-OUT BATTLE...

CUT OFF FROM THIS MENTAL EXCHANGE, CAPTAIN KIRK CONTACTS THE 'ENTERPRISE'...



THE INFORMATION IS PASSED ON TO MARACU...

BUT NEXT SECOND...
LOOK OUT!
UH!
BEFORE THEY CAN DEFEND THEMSELVES...
OOF!
UGH!
WHEN THEY RECOVER...
WHO ARE THESE STRANGERS?
WE FOUND THEM HEADING INTO OUR TERRITORY ON PARRACA BEASTS, MY LORD.
THEN LET THEM DIE! ALLIES OF MARACU ARE NO FRIENDS OF THE GREAT TURR!
IF YOU DON'T HEED WHAT WE SAY, OLD MAN, YOU WON'T BE SURVIVING LONG, YOURSELVES!
THE MOUNTAIN IS GOING TO BRING FIRE DOWN ON YOUR HEADS! YOU MUST LEAVE AT ONCE!
YOU ARE A FOOL, STRANGER! WE ARE WARRIORS! THE GREAT TURR RUNS FROM NO-ONE! THE MOUNTAIN OBEYS ME! I AM ITS MASTER!
I OFFER YOU TO BELUDDIN! HE SHALL CONSUME YOU IN HIS FLAMES!
YOU RIDICULOUS, OLD FOOL! YOU ARE CHOOSING TO DESTROY YOUR ENTIRE PEOPLE!
INCREDIBLE, ISN'T IT, CAPTAIN? ON ONE SIDE OF THIS VOLCANO THE PARRACAS THINK IT REPRESENTS PEACE...
...ON THIS SIDE IT SYMBOLISES WAR! WHICHEVER WAY YOU READ IT, SPOCK, WE SHALL BE LUCKY TO SURVIVE!
THE TORTUROUS CLIMB IS FINALLY ACCOMPLISHED...
RECEIVE THIS GIFT, FIERY SERVANT OF TURR!
A MOMENT, OLD MAN! OUR PEOPLE GRANT THEIR ENEMIES A TIME TO PRAY!

VERY WELL, BUT MAKE IT BRIEF!
AS BRIEF AS IT TAKES YOU TO GET US BEAMED UP, CAPTAIN!
THIS IS THE CAPTAIN, SCOTTIE. GET US OUT OF HERE!
AND...
WHAT HAS HAPPENED?
THEY WERE SPIRITS OF THE MOUNTAIN! THIS PLACE IS CURSED! THEY WILL ATTACK US!
COME BACK, YOU FOOLS!
NO! THEY SPOKE OF DANGER! WE BELIEVE WHAT THEY SAID!
MY MAGIC IS GREATER THAN THEIRS... AAAAGH!
SECONDS LATER...
BACK ABOARD THE 'ENTERPRISE'...
EXTREMELY CLOSE, CAPTAIN! OUR SECOND PEACE MISSION NEARLY SAW THE END OF US!
IT WAS STILL OUR DUTY TO TRY. AT LEAST THE PEACEFUL RACE WILL SURVIVE.
HOW INCREDIBLE THAT SUCH A PRIMITIVE INTELLIGENCE COULD BROADCAST THEIR THOUGHTS DEEP INTO SPACE!
THAT'S YOUR TROUBLE, MR SPOCK. YOU SEE THINGS AS LOGICAL OR ILLOGICAL. THE HUMAN MIND IS OPEN TO SUCH ENIGMAS.